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1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history for 1987 is submitted.


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USS STERETT (CG 31)

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission - USS STERETT (CG 31) is a Josephus Daniels class guided missile cruiser whose primary missions are anti-aircraft, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare.
2. Organizational Structure - STERETT is assigned to Commander Naval Surface Group Western Pacific. The Commanding Officer is Captain Richard P. Genet. STERETT's homeport is Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

Enclosure (1)

1987 CHRONOLOGY
USS STERETT (CG 31)

01 Jan - 02 Jan - Inport Subic Bay, Holiday Upkeep, assigned CTG 75.1/TU 75.0.1.
03 Jan - 04 Jan - Enroute Hong Kong.
05 Jan - 07 Jan - Inport Hong Kong.
08 Jan - 09 Jan - Enroute Subic Bay.
10 Jan - 12 Jan - Inport Subic Bay for Upkeep, Material Inspection, Helo Certification.
13 Jan - 27 Jan - Enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
14 Jan - Assigned TU 70.3.10/TU 30.3.10.
19 Jan - Embark Commander, Destroyer Squadron Seventeen.
22 Jan - Debark Commander, Destroyer Squadron Seventeen.
28 Jan - 07 Feb - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, assigned TG 15.8, WSAT.
08 Feb - 11 Feb - Underway vicinity Hawaii.
12 Feb - 16 Feb - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
17 Feb - 19 Feb - Underway vicinity Hawaii, Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Test.
20 Feb - 23 Feb - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
24 Feb - 26 Feb - Underway vicinity Hawaii, Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Test.
27 Feb - 01 Mar - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
02 Mar - 03 Mar - Underway vicinity Hawaii.
04 Mar - 06 Mar - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
07 Mar - 09 Mar - Underway vicinity Hawaii, Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Test.
10 Mar - 13 Mar - Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
14 Mar - Underway vicinity Hawaii, Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Test.
15 Mar - 29 Mar - Enroute Subic Bay.
22 Mar - Assigned TU 75.0.1.
30 Mar - Naval Gunfire Support Exercise, Tabones Range.
31 Mar - 05 Apr - Inport Subic Bay for Upkeep, assigned to CTG 75.1.
06 Apr - 07 Apr - ISIC Engineering Assessment, Inport Subic Bay.
08 Apr - Underway, ISIC Engineering Assessment.
09 Apr - 25 Apr - Inport Subic Bay, Command Inspection, Upkeep.
26 Apr - 04 May - Underway South China Sea, Naval Gunfire Support Exercise, OPS with Battle Group ALFA, assigned CTG 70.1/TG 70.4.
05 May - 10 May - Inport Hong Kong.
11 May - 12 May - Underway Philippine Sea, OPS TG 70.1.
13 May - 17 May - Inport Subic Bay.
18 May - 02 Jun - Underway Philippine Sea/EAUSEA, OPS TG 70.1.
03 Jun - 07 Jun - Inport Sydney, Australia.
08 Jun - 09 Jun - Enroute Melbourne, Australia.
10 Jun - 14 Jun - Inport Melbourne, Australia.
15 Jun - 03 Jul - Underway EAUSEA/Philippine Sea, OPS Battle Group ALFA.
04 Jul - 08 Jul - Inport Subic Bay.
08 Jul - 12 Jul - Underway South China Sea/Philippine Sea.
13 Jul - 28 Sep - Inport Subic Bay, assigned CTG 75.01, SRA-5.
29 Sep - 30 Sep - Underway South China Sea.

Enclosure (2)

1987 CHRONOLOGY
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01 Oct - 05 Oct - Inport Subic Bay.
06 Oct - 08 Oct - Underway South China Sea.
09 Oct - Dependents Cruise.
10 Oct - 12 Oct - Inport Subic Bay.
13 Oct - Underway South China Sea.
14 Oct - 20 Oct - Inport Subic Bay, Combat Systems Readiness Tests.
21 Oct - 31 Oct - Underway South China Sea, assigned TG 70.1.
28 Oct - Missile Exercise.
01 Nov - 07 Nov - Inport Subic Bay.
09 Nov - Missile Exercise.
10 Nov - 23 Nov - Enroute North Arabian Sea.
24 Nov - 22 Dec - OPS North Arabian Sea/Gulf of Oman.
23 Dec - 26 Dec - Port Visit Muscat, Oman.
27 Dec - Independent steaming, North Arabian Sea.
28 Dec - 29 Dec - Tender Availability with USS CAPE COD/Masirah, Oman.
30 Dec - 31 Dec - OPS North Arabian Sea/Gulf of Oman.
31 Dec - Embark Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East.

USS STERETT (CG 31)
COMMAND HISTORY 1987

STERETT began the New Year inport Subic Bay, RP finishing a holiday upkeep period, followed by a short port visit to Hong Kong during the first week of 1987. STERETT returned to Subic Bay on 10 January to begin final preparations for the upcoming deployment to Hawaii.

During the transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, STERETT embarked Commander, Destroyer Squadron Seventeen for three days during which time he observed the training exercise Busy Observer. Upon arrival in Pearl Harbor on 28 January, STERETT's crew began completing various training including SAR, fire fighting and General Damage Control Training for the entire crew. Additionally, numerous inspections were conducted and the Combat Systems Sea Qualifications Test was successfully completed.

STERETT departed Pearl Harbor on 15 March to return to Subic Bay. Prior to pulling into port on 31 March, the ship participated in a Naval Gunfire Support Exercise at Tabones Range on 30 March. After arrival, preparations began for ISIC Engineering Inspection which was conducted from 6-8 April. This was followed by the Command Inspection on 15 April.

After a brief upkeep period, STERETT was underway again for operations with Battle Group ALFA in the South China Sea, followed by a port visit to Hong Kong on 5 May. Leaving Hong Kong on 10 May, the ship headed south, stopped briefly in Subic Bay, then made two port visits in Australia. The first stop was Sydney for four days, followed by four days in Melbourne.

Leaving Melbourne on 15 June, the ship participated in operations with Battle Group ALFA in and around the Philippine Sea until 4 July, when STERETT returned to her home port for three days. This was followed by a brief four day underway period prior to beginning Selected Repair Availability Five.

Upon completion of SRA-5, STERETT began a series of brief underway periods in preparation for her upcoming deployment. During this period, STERETT crewmembers hosted Admiral Lewin, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Philippines, along with many of the crew's families during the dependents cruise. Included in the final preparations for deployment were the Combat Systems Readiness Test and a missile firing exercise, both of which were completed successfully.

Transiting through the Straits of Malacca into the North Arabian Sea, STERETT operated with Battle Group ALFA from 10 November through the end of the year. During the Christmas Holidays, STERETT spent four days in Muscat, Oman. Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts visited with the officers and men of STERETT, relaying greetings from President Reagan and commenting on the superb job the U.S. Navy is doing in the Persian Gulf area. Crewmembers had the opportunity to have Christmas dinners with local American families while in Oman, in addition, many enjoyed shopping, tours and sporting events.

After leaving Muscat, STERETT proceeded south to the vicinity of Masirah, Oman for a two day tender availability with USS CAPE COD. On the second day, STERETT's crew, along with the crews from USS CAPE COD and USS FRANCIS HAMMOND were entertained by the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders during their holiday tour of the region. After departing CAPE COD, STERETT embarked Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East, Rear Admiral Dennis M. Brooks.